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\$24,000 Settlement Reached with Electro Machine and Engineering, Inc.

Los Angeles --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced it has reached a settlement with Electro Machine and Engineering, Inc. (EME) for hazardous waste violations at its 431 East Oaks Street facility in Compton. EME generates, handles, treats, and stores hazardous waste at this facility.

Under terms of the Consent Order (Order) signed on August 2, 2004, EME will pay a total of \$24,000 of which \$23,000 is for penalties and \$1,000 is for interest that EME is paying to be able to pay in installments. A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC web site at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Electro/Electro_ENF_CO.pdf.

The settlement stems from violations observed by DTSC inspectors during an inspection at the facility on August 2, 2003. The violations noted were:

- Storing a hazardous waste without a permit
- Storing hazardous waste in leaking containers
- Treating waste cyanide solutions without a permit
- Failing to properly maintain the facility to help prevent any unplanned release of hazardous waste to the soil

As part of the settlement, DTSC has reduced EME's penalty by \$5,000 for agreeing to send one of its employees to obtain a certificate of satisfactory completion of hazardous waste management courses at the California Compliance School (CCS). CCS provides students with "hands-on" instruction on how to comply with hazardous waste statutes and regulations. EME must submit the certificates to DTSC within 185 days of the effective date of the Order or they will owe DTSC an additional \$5,000 due 30 days after the initial 185 day deadline.

EME has corrected all violations noted during the inspections.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.